(4) (a) is he still in the Government service;

(b) if so, on what condition was it that his re-instatement was ordered ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) As soon as the fact of misappropriation came to the notice of the Trichur District Judge he placed Venkiteswara Ayyar under suspension and an enquiry instituted. After the conclusion of the enquiry, the District Judge recommended his prosecution and orders were issued to the Police Commissioner accordingly. The prosecution was withdrawn subsequently on a petition from him, as a special act of mercy.

After this, the clerk was reduced from Rs. 40 to Rs. 35. The period during which he was under suspension was treated as such.

(3) Rs. 21—10—0

(4) (a) Yes.

(b) The Member is referred to part 2 of answer above.

523. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what were the charges against Mr. Muthukrishna Ayyar, late, the Head Clerk of the Deputy Inspector of Schools;

(2) when was he allowed pension and under what circumstances?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) The name of the Head Clerk is C. K. Muthuswami Ayyar and not Muthukrishna Ayyar.

The charges against him were (1) irregularity in office work; (2) suspected misconduct and misappropriation of money.

(2) No pension was sanctioned to him; but a compassionate allowance of Rs. 5 was given under the provisions of article 150 of the C. S. R.

524. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what were the charges against Mr. Ramunni Menon, late, the Head Clerk of the Ernakulam Munsiff's Court;

(2) has he preferred an appeal against the order of the Chief Court; if so, when;

(3) has the appeal petition been placed before the Diwan for orders; if so, when;

(4) has the appeal been disposed of; if so, when and how;

(5) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the whole file in connection with Mr. Ramunni Menon's case?

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Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) There were some cases of temporary misappropriation of suitors' money.

(2) Yes, on 1st Chingam 1104.

(3) Yes, on 15th Makaram 1104.

(4) Yes, on 16th Makaram 1104. The appeal was dismissed.

(5) Government do not think that any public purpose is served thereby.

Sale of timber to Mr. Mugaseth.

525. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what was the quarter girth of the trunk of the biggest toplings of 23 *vannams* quarter girth supplied to Mr. Mugaseth referred to in the answer to question No. 196 of the Legislative Session of 1104?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The trunk referred to cannot be connected now with the topling. It will be anything over 23 *vannams*.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why should the trunk be connected with the topling to find out the measurement of the trunk?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—This year toplings and bottoms are collected and that is why I say that they have to be connected.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—It is given in the answer that the toplings will be anything over 23 *vannams*, which you will not find in the ordinary case. So why was it found necessary that the topling should be connected with the trunk to measure the trunk?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—If it is not so done, I cannot say which topling belongs to which trunk. That is why I say that I have to connect the trunk with the topling.

Allotment for Irrigation.

526. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state if any amount has been spent out of the budget allotment of one lakh of rupees for irrigation in 1104, what are the works proposed to be started this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. Diversion of the Karuvannur river to the Trichur Lake.

Application for Joint Registration.

527. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state how many applications have been received in each of the revenue villages of the State for Joint Registration under Regulation II of 1103 put in by (1) tenants, (2) landholders and (3) both together and how many are pending disposal in each village?

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